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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Box PCT Washington, D.C. 20231

Attention: RO/US

Re: International Patent Application No. PCT/US97/16812

International Filing Date: 22 October 1997 Applicant: General Electric Company Applicant's Reference: RD25877/2452

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your Invitation to Correct Defects in the above International Application mailed 24 December 1997. The Applicant requests that the term for response be extended by one month so as to expire 24 February 1998.

In regard to Annex A, the Applicant submits a Power of Attorney signed by all of the individuals named as the applicants in Box III for the United States of America.

In regard to Annex B, the Applicant submits new Sheet 12 to replace Sheet 12 presently on file. New Sheet 12 consists of Table 1.

In regard to Annex C, enclosed are two sheets of formal Drawings consisting of Figs. 1 and 2 to replace the drawings on file.

Also, the Applicant respectfully acknowledges that the Receiving Office has corrected formal defects in the International Application ex officio.

Respectfully submitted,

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JLC/dkt Attachment I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as the class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, 2.0.20231, on 2.16/7

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1. Inclusions

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HODE				
lumber	Color	Type	Isostatic Press	× %
	Silver	Ti Sponge	1200°C/1000 Atm /4Hr	15
	Yellow	TiN Powder	1200°C/1000 Atm /4Hr	22

2. Electrodes

Electrode	Diameter	Length	Inclusion	Position		Position
Number	mm	шш	Туре	mm	Weld	
N3	09	515	49	300	-	255
N4	09	550	30, 30	170.335	-	255
NS	09	535	30, 49	205, 355		215
N6	09	530	49, 30	210, 355		215
N7	09	480	30, 49	260, 385	4	85 175 330 430

3. Ingots

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	Position	48	36	38	19 25 31	17 22 32 58
Ultrasonic	Indications	-	1	1	3	4
Melting Current	KA	7	2-2	3-4	3-4	3.4
Electrode	Number	N3	AV	N5	9N	N7
Length	шш	137	121	130	122	112
Diameter	mm	88	88	98	88	28
Ingot	Number	2	3	4	5	9